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UNITED STATES ARMY INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COMMAND
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FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND 20755-5995

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

August 21, 2002

Deatherage

Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

Mr. Ernie Lazar
577 S. Thornhill Road, #6
Palm Springs, California 92264-7884

Dear Mr. Lazar:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of December 8, 2001, to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), for all records concerning George Deatherage. The FBI on July 24, 2002, forwarded your letter along with Department of the Army records retrieved from their files, for a releasability determination. This correspondence was received in this office on August 6, 2002.

We have completed a mandatory declassification review in accordance with Executive Order 12958 and have determined that the information contained in the records no longer warrants security classification protection and is partially releasable to you. A copy of the records are enclosed for your use.

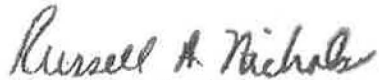
As a result of this review, information has been sanitized that would result in an unwarranted invasion of the privacy rights of the individual concerned, this information is exempt from public disclosure provisions of the FOIA pursuant to Title 5 U.S. Code 552 (b)(7)(C).

The withholding of the information described above is a partial denial of your request. This denial is made on behalf of Major General Keith B. Alexander, the Commanding General, U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command, who is the Initial Denial Authority for Army intelligence investigative and security records under the FOIA. You have the right to appeal this decision to the Secretary of the Army. If you wish to file an appeal, you should forward it to this office. Your appeal must be postmarked no later than 60 calendar days from the date of this letter. After the 60-day period, the case may be considered closed; however, such closure does not preclude you from filing litigation in the courts.

We are forwarding a copy of this letter to the FBI (FOIA/PA#0955305-000).

If you have any questions concerning this action, please feel free to contact Mrs. Birckhead at (301) 677-2687. Refer to case #834F-02.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russell A. Nichols". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Russell A. Nichols
Chief, Freedom of Information/
Privacy Office

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WAR DEPARTMENT
WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
Washington, D. C.
FEB 9 1942

Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your information and such action as you consider advisable.

RAYMOND E. LEE,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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February 7, 1942
(Date)

Subject: DEATHERAGE, George

Summary of Information:

The following unsolicited report from a usually reliable source has been received in this office and is forwarded for the information of your office and any action that may be deemed appropriate.

"It is believed that some of the so-called professional patriotic groups that are pro-Nazi have set up secret headquarters in close vicinity to some stations. It is reported that GEORGE DEATHERAGE is maintaining some sort of a secret headquarters for propaganda very close to Camp Dix in New Jersey. This man DEATHERAGE is a capable engineer and formerly operated a secret organization known as the 'Knights of the White Camellia' from St. Albans, West Virginia. DEATHERAGE has been working with practically every pro-Nazi in the country. It is also reported that he has attempted on three occasions at Fort Knox, Fort Dix and Fort Eustis, Virginia, to talk with and change the idea of some radicals who were in camp."

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
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Mr. Rosen.....
Mr. Carson.....
Mr. Coffey.....
Mr. Hendon.....
Mr. Holloman.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....
Mr. Nease.....
Miss Gandy.....
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Raymond E. Lee
RAYMOND E. LEE, TFC
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF
FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, G-2.

In reply refer to:

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ETF/m
Omaha, Nebraska,

January 8, 1942.

SUBJECT: George E. Deatherage

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department General Staff
Washington, D. C.

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1. Reference is made to MID Report #50 dated October 21, 1941, subject: [REDACTED] which was signed by the Zone Intelligence Officer, Zone V.
 2. It is found that GEORGE R. LEATHERAGE, mentioned in said report, applied for a position as Construction Superintendent at Weldon Spring Ordnance establishment approximately eight or ten months ago. Subject's application reveals the following:

Name:	George E. Deatherage
Address:	115 Riverview, St Albans, West Virginia
Date of Birth:	November 15, 1894
Place of Birth:	Duluth, Minnesota
Education:	2 years of college
Experience:	Construction Superintendent, Purchasing Agent, Expediting Chief, Estimating.
Last position held:	Excavating Engineer for Doyle & Russell, contractors, Camp Lee, Virginia
Length of Service:	5 months
Date terminated:	March 1, 1941.
In case of accident Notify:	[REDACTED] (b)(7)(C) 115 Riverview Avenue, St Albans, W.Va.

3. Subject's application was filed by the Fraser-Brace Engineering Company, Inc., the construction contractor at Weldon Springs Ordnance Plant but he was not employed on the project.

W. T. BALS,
Colonel, GSC,
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